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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/775,409	Applicant(s) BEUTEL ET AL.	
	Examiner Michele K. Joike, Ph.D.	Art Unit 1636	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9 and 14-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6 and 16-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7, 9, and 14-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Receipt is acknowledged of a reply to the previous Office Action, filed August 23, 2007. Claims 1-7, 9 and 14-24 are pending. Claims 6 and 16-24 are withdrawn; claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 14-15 are examined. Any rejection of record in the previous Office Action, mailed October 25, 2006, that is not addressed in this action has been withdrawn.

Because this Office Action only maintains rejections set forth in the previous Office Action and/or sets forth new rejections that are necessitated by amendment, this Office Action is made FINAL.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 6 has the wrong status identifier and should be indicated as withdrawn. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tomb et al.

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***Response to Arguments Concerning Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102 (b)***

Applicants' arguments filed August 23, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The following grounds of traversal are presented:

Applicants argue that Tomb et al fails to perform all the steps disclosed in claim 1, specifically step (e), which discloses correlating the transformation frequency to the known locations of the restriction enzyme sites to provide information regarding the location of the mutation in the genome.

Applicants' arguments are not found to be persuasive for the following reasons.

Tomb et al teach measuring transformation frequency and then performing restriction mapping to identify where the mutated DNA fragments were inserted into the chromosome. Therefore, the location of the mutation in the chromosome is correlated with the measurement of the transformation frequency.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomb et al in view of Smith et al.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomb et al in view of Ivanova et al.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomb et al in view of US 6,207,442.

***Response to Arguments Concerning Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103 (a)***

Applicant's arguments filed August 23, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The following grounds of traversal are presented:

- 1) Tomb et al do not teach the use of restriction enzymes of the kind disclosed in the present invention.
- 2) None of the references disclose correlating the transformation frequency to the known locations of the restriction enzyme sites to provide information regarding the location of the mutation in the genome.
- 3) Both Smith et al and Tomb et al have been available to the public for more than a decade, and were never combined.

Applicants' arguments are not found to be persuasive for the following reasons.

- 1) In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are

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based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Tomb et al may not teach the use of the kind of restriction enzymes disclosed, however, Smith et al do. Smith et al teach using *Dra1*, *Ase1* and *Ssp1* for restriction mapping.

2) As discussed above, Tomb et al does disclose step (e).

3) In response to applicant's argument based upon the age of the references, contentions that the reference patents are old are not impressive absent a showing that the art tried and failed to solve the same problem notwithstanding its presumed knowledge of the references. See *In re Wright*, 569 F.2d 1124, 193 USPQ 332 (CCPA 1977).

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

No claims are allowed.

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michele K. Joike, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-5915. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Woitach can be reached on 571-272-0739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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